THE COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

NOTIFICATION.

Dated Mercara, 13th January 1892.

Tenders are invited for the exclusive right of the sale of (1) Opium (including Maddat) (2), Ganja (including Majim) respectively in the Province of Coorg for 3 years, *viz.*, from the 1st April 1892 to 31st March 1895. The tenders for the above must be made separately and subject to the following conditions :—

2. A deposit of Rs. 100 must accompany each tender. The covers should be superscibed with the words—

I. "Tender for the sale of Opium, including Maddat." II. "Tenders for the sale of Ganja including Majim," and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg on or before 12 A. M., on the 4th March 1892 after which no tender will be received.

3. The tenders shall specify the amount which the parties tendering undertake to pay to Government annually as rent for the exclusive privilege of sale of (1) Opium including Maddat, and (2) Ganja including Majim respectively. Under the rules framed by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg (*Vide* Notification No. 1, dated 1st April 1882, and No. 9, dated 19th May 1882) the rent in both cases will be payable quarterly in advance that is on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January of each year.

4. The tenders both for Opium and Ganja will be opened by the Commissioner or in his absence by one of the Assistant Commissioners at Mercara at noon on Saturday 5th March 1892, in the presence of those applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will, however, rest with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

5. The applicants whose tenders may be accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit within 3 days a further sum in cash or currency notes, or Government Promissory notes to make up together with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to half of the annual payment or rent guaranteed, such deposit being eventually credited towards the instalments due for the half year ending with 31st March 1895, and further they shall within 10 days of the acceptance of their tenders by the Chief Commissioner execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper binding themselves to conform to the rules prescribed under the Opium Act I of 1878, and the Excise Act XXII of 1881 respectively and shall give security for the due fulfilment of the engagements entered into by them, and if they fail to do so, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contracts shall be otherwise disposed of.

6. In the event of the contractors in either case failing to pay up any instalment on the date on which it falls due, the Commissioner of Coorg shall be at liberty at once to cancel the contract, and to confiscate the deposit, the lease being resold at the contractor's risk.

7. The number of shops to be opened for sale of Opium in Coorg is restricted to three, *viz*: one at Mercara (Mahadeopet), one at Virajendrapet and one at Fraserpet.

8. The number of shops to be opened for sale of Ganja is restricted to six *viz* : one at Mercara (Mahadeopet), one at Virajendrapet, one at Fraserpet, one at Somvarpet, one at Gonikoppal and one at Sanivarsante.

9. No other shops than those specified in paras 7 and 8 above, shall be opened except under the special sanction of the Commissioner.

10. The persons appointed by the contractors to vend by retail at the several shops above enumerated must be furnished by the farmer with licenses approved and countersigned by the Commissioner of Coorg according to the forms prescribed by law.

11. All Opium required for vend must be procured through the Commissioner of Coorg on payment of price fixed by the Chief Commissioner and on the expiry of the contract the incoming contractor shall be bound to take over at the price fixed by the Commissioner any Opium that may remain unexpended belonging to the former contractor. The consumption of Opium in any form in the premises is strictly prohibited.

12. Further particulars may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

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Commissioner.